4COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS State Building Code (780 CMR) Appeals Board Board's Ruling on Appeal¹

Docket No. 09-708

Appellant(s): Rocky Edwards representing MIT – W1 Building vz. Appellee(s):City of Cambridge Chenier Durand

Procedural History

This matter came before the State Building Code Appeals Board ("Board") on the Appellant's appeal filed pursuant to 780 CMR 122.1. In accordance with 780 CMR 122.3, the Appellant requested that the Board grant him a variance from 6th Edition 780 CMR 3408.5.1 and Table 1606.1 for 305 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA. In accordance with GL c. 30A, §§10 & 11; GL c. 143, §100; 801 CMR 1.02 et. seq.; and 780 CMR 122.3.4, the Board convened a public hearing on February 24, 2009 where all interested parties were provided with an opportunity to testify and present evidence to the Board.

The Appellant appeared and testified for the hearing and others appeared for the hearing as noted on the sign in sheet which is on file at the Department of Public Safety.

Discussion

A motion was made to grant the Appellant's request for a variance from 6th Edition 780 CMR 3408.5.1 and Table 1606.1, and allow 90 lbs per sq. ft. floor loading as a continuation of A-3 use in this dormitory building provided that an affidavit of same from a registered structural engineer is submitted to the Cambridge Building Department. It was noted also that the Cambridge Fire and Cambridge Building Departments have no objection to the granting of the variance. There was a second on the motion and a board vote was taken, which was unanimous.

Conclusion

The Appellant's request for a variance from 6th Edition 780 CMR 3408.5.1 and Table 1606.1 is hereby granted with the condition noted in the discussion and so ordered² on this date: February 24, 2009.

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²In accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, §14, any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the Superior Court within 30 days after the date of this decision.

¹ This is a concise version of the Board's decision. You may request a full written decision within 30 days of the date of this decision. Requests must be in writing and addressed to: Department of Public Safety, State Building Code Appeals Board, Program Coordinator, One Ashburton Place, Room 1301, Boston, MA 02108